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## I am Navy Medicine: Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael A. Cella

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*By Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael A. Cella, leading petty officer, Naval Hospital Bremerton*



Naval Hospital Bremerton Command Master Chief James Reynolds ensures that newly advanced Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael A. Cella is ship-shape as one of the command's four recently frocked petty officers by the Meritorious Advancement Program

My name is Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael Cella. I am currently assigned to Naval Hospital Bremerton, in the family medicine department as leading petty officer (LPO) for Family Medicine Clinic Team Three.

As the Family Medicine Clinic (FMC) Team Three LPO, I lead and mentor nine other Sailors in providing patient-centered care for Sailors, Marines, their families and all others we are entrusted with, which equates to daily operations ensuring the proper care for 6,875 beneficiaries.

I joined the Navy to serve and to help those that are in need. At the NHB Family Medicine Department, I get that opportunity.



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael A. Cella of Naval Hospital Bremerton welcomes visiting Rear Adm. Bruce L. Gillingham, Commander, Navy Medicine West, during his visit to the command on August 9, 2016

In the two years I've been here we have been able to make organizational improvements in the department's phlebotomy lab creating a standard operating procedures manual for checking in patients and coordinating medical home port team collateral duties.

with our focus on capturing a diabetic patient's Hemoglobin A1c, (a routinely performed blood test for people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes mellitus to determine how well diabetes is controlled), the FMC's overall diabetic Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set, or HEDIS, numbers have raised from 88.5 percent on April 22, 2016, to 92.3 percent on June 17, 2016, contributing to overall patient satisfaction.



Taking the lead in leading the pledge, Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael A. Cella directs the command's Friday morning Pledge of Allegiance.

Patient safety and patient satisfaction are the most important aspects of my job. Working with a team to enable personnel to develop into well rounded Sailors is the most interesting part of my duties and working with that team of amazing corpsman and staff is the most enjoyable part.

If I could sum up my experience with Navy Medicine in one sentence, I would say, 'there will always be another challenge to accomplish, and I wouldn't have it any other way.'

My name is Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael A. Cella and I am Navy Medicine.

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